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AT \$654Z, 18 MAY 72, ON MULTICHANNEL COMMS AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BATTALION IN THE HANDI/HAIPHONG AREA REFERENCED LAUNCHING A SURFACE TO AIR MISSLE AT RANGE 13 AT A STRIKE AIRCRAFT. THE SPEAKER INDICATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT SWENT DOWNS. COMMENT, COLLATERAL SOURCES (SECRET) INDICATE THAT TWO U.S. F-4 AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN TODAY IN NORTH VIETNAM. SOURCES FURTHER INDICATE THAT DNE OF THE AIRCRAFT'S CREW HAS BEEN RECOVERED. IT WAS FURTHER INDICATED THAT THE OTHER CREW WAS SHOT DOWN IN THE HAIPHONG AREA. XXHH 255 \$8962 NNNN

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